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Holy Rovers

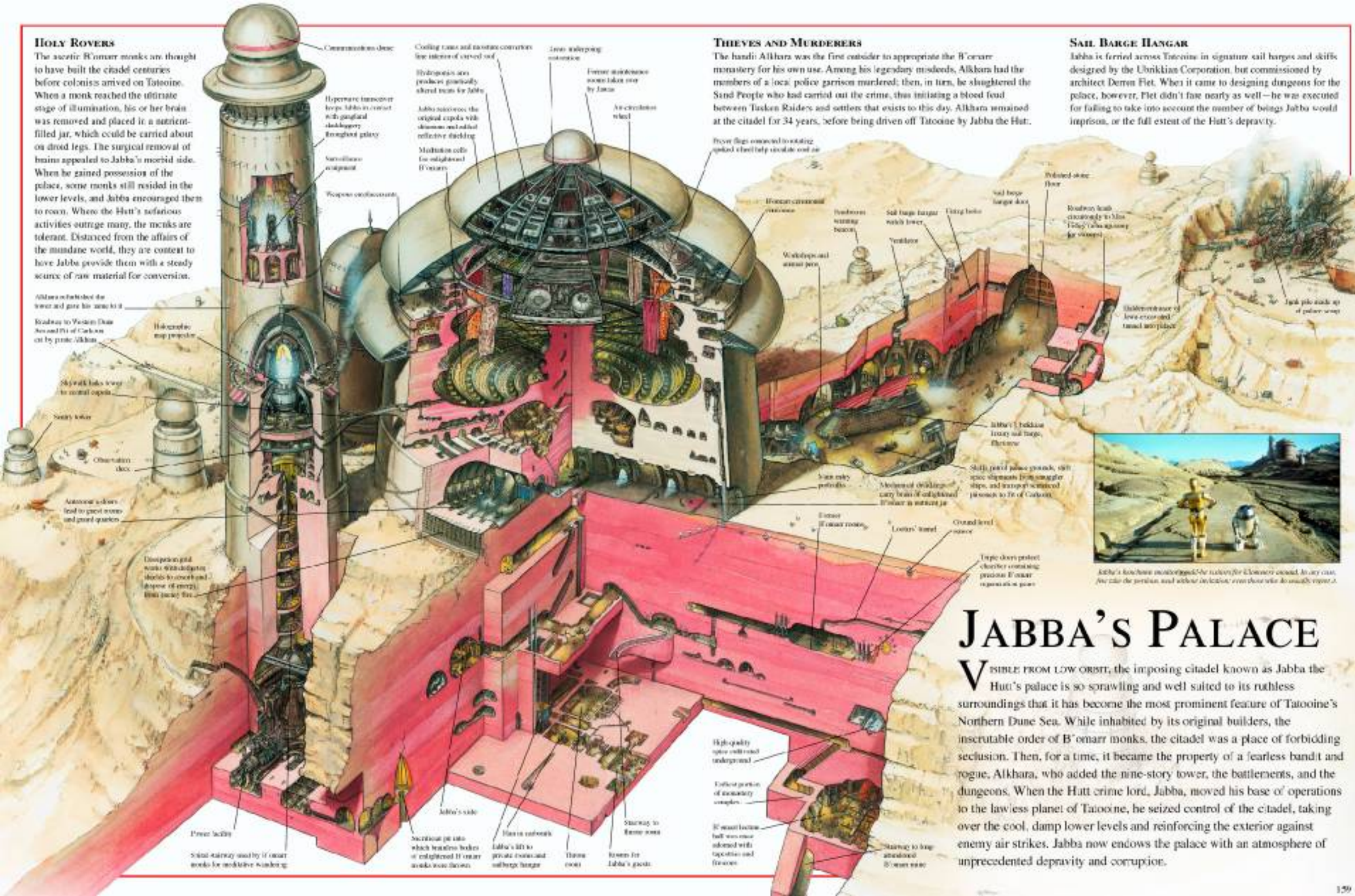
The ascetic B'omarr monks are thought to have built the citadel centuries before colonists arrived on Tatooine. When a monk reached the ultimate stage of illumination, his or her brain was removed and placed in a nutrient-filled jar, which could be carried about on droid legs. The surgical removal of brains appealed to Jabba's morbid side. When he gained possession of the palace, some monks still resided in the lower levels, and Jabba encouraged them to remain. Where the Hutt's nefarious activities outrage many, the monks are tolerant. Distanced from the affairs of the mundane world, they are content to have Jabba provide them with a steady source of raw material for conversion.

Thieves and Murderers

The bandit Alkhara was the first outsider to appropriate the B'omarr monastery for his own use. Among his legendary misdeeds, Alkhara had the members of a local police garrison murdered; then, in turn, he slaughtered the Sand People who had carried out the crime, thus initiating a blood feud between Tusken Raiders and settlers that exists to this day. Alkhara remained at the citadel for 34 years, before being driven off Tatooine by Jabba the Hutt.

Sail Barge Hangar

Jabba is ferried across Tatooine in signature sail barges and skiffs designed by the Ubrikkian Corporation, but commissioned by architect Derren Flet. When it came to designing dungeons for the palace, however, Flet didn't fare nearly as well—he was executed for failing to take into account the number of beings Jabba would imprison, or the full extent of the Hutt's depravity.



Jabba's Palace

Visible from low orbit, the imposing citadel known as Jabba the Hutt's palace is so sprawling and well suited to its ruthless surroundings that it has become the most prominent feature of Tatooine's Northern Dune Sea. While inhabited by its original builders, the inscrutable order of B'omarr monks, the citadel was a place of forbidding seclusion. Then, for a time, it became the property of a fearless bandit and rogue, Alkhara, who added the nine-story tower, the battlements, and the dungeons. When the Hutt crime lord, Jabba, moved his base of operations to the lawless planet of Tatooine, he seized control of the citadel, taking over the cool, damp lower levels and reinforcing the exterior against enemy air strikes. Jabba now endows the palace with an atmosphere of unprecedented depravity and corruption.

Tatooine III

Inhabitable only in one small area of its northern hemisphere, Tatooine is as rugged and desolate a planet as exists anywhere in the galaxy's Outer Rim. Baked by day, near frozen at night, the desert world might never have been colonized by humans had its ancient sea beds not dangled the promise of mineral wealth to a few desperate settlers from the Core willing to bet their lives on a lucky strike. With massacres and swindling, Tatooine's indigenous Sand People and Jawas were the first to warn the newcomers not to get their hopes up. But still they came. Pilfering from the parched air what little moisture there was, the farmers grew more hardened and embittered with each passing generation: accepting of the smugglers, slave traders, and outlaws who followed in their wake, they finally became resigned to lives of adversity.



8 Returning to Tatooine to save Han Solo from Jabba the Hutt, Luke Skywalker, now a full Knight, is captured and forced to walk the gauntlet over the Pit of Carkoon. Jabba the Hutt, the monstrous sail barge, behind him.



7 Beginning Obi-Wan and the droids, Luke speeds to Mos Eisley, stopping only briefly to pass on the spaceport from a man called Shell. While Mos Eisley is the group's best chance of finding safe transport off Tatooine, they will have to be cautious, Obi-Wan warns, because the city teems with thieves and villains.

SoroSuub X-34 Landspeeder

Landspeeders are a standard personal transport on Tatooine. Although superseded by the XP-38, SoroSuub's "Thirty-four" is still considered a classic because of its no-frill design and powerful engine. Even without modifications, the X-34 can attain top speeds of 250 kilometers (155 miles) per hour, and is highly maneuverable in tight quarters.





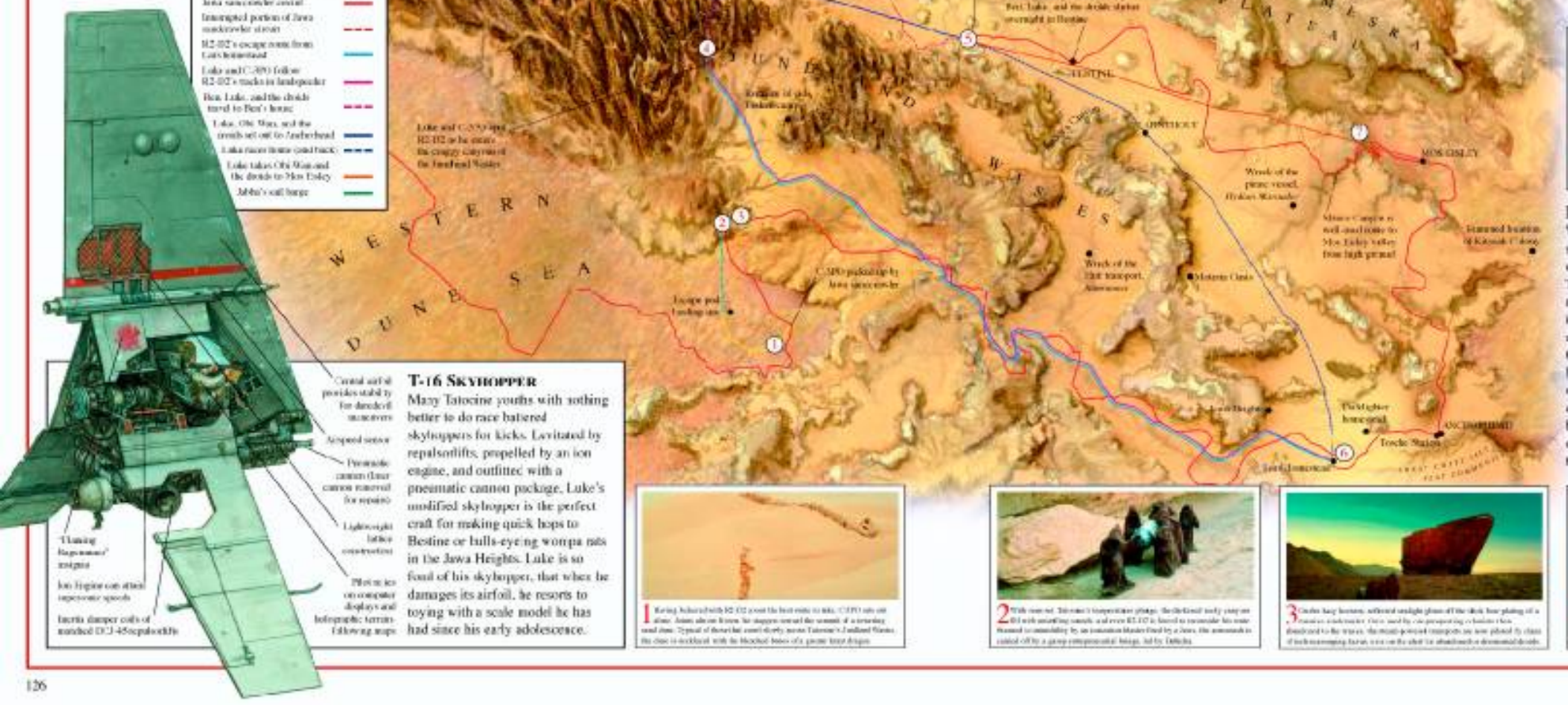
6 Obeying home, Luke discovers that the Lars farmstead has been burned, along with the bodies of his foster parents, Uncle Owen and Aunt Beru. Having now definitely refused to enlist, Luke resolves to learn the ways of the Force and to become a Jedi Knight like his father.



5 Rescued by Obi-Wan from the threat of a Tusken gaffi stick, Luke offers Ben a landspeeder ride to the settlement of Anchorhead. Along the way, they chance upon a couple of vaporators and an Jawa town, who have been massacred by Imperial troops, possibly in search of the droids.

Desert Dangers

With its vast unpopulated stretches of rock and sand, its primitive surface roads, and the unlighted alleyways of its principal settlements, Tatooine offers ample opportunities for personal misfortune. For sentients and droids alike, safety is as scarce as water, and banditry, abduction, and hijacking have been raised to art forms. Casual travelers risk being shot at by Tusken Raiders. Moisture farmers are frequently robbed of their profits by gangs of outlaws. And a lone droid need always be fearful of being abducted by Jawas. Tatooine's local authorities are too overwhelmed to deal with petty crime, and the troops of the Imperial garrison couldn't care less.



T-16 Skyhopper

Many Tatooine youths with nothing better to do race battered skyhoppers for kicks. Levitated by repulsorlifts, propelled by an ion engine, and outfitted with a pneumatic cannon package, Luke's modified skyhopper is the perfect craft for making quick hops to Bestine or bulls-eyeing womprats in the Jawa Heights. Luke is so fond of his skyhopper, that when he damages its airfoil, he resorts to toying with a scale model he has had since his early adolescence.

1 Having helped with R2-D2 a rest the first night to take, C-3PO sits off alone. Artoo, also on lookout, has stopped around the summit of a towering sand dune. Typical of these hot, sand-dotted, arid worlds across Tatooine's Jundland Wastes, the dune is reckoned with the blocked bones of a giant land dragon.

2 With sunset, Tatooine's temperature plunges. Shielded only by one R2 unit assembling camels, and even R2-D2 is forced to surrender his warmth to unbearability by an immature Master Fred by a Jawa, the astromech is called off by a group entrepreneurial beings, led by Dalbeka.

3 Under hazy horizons, softened sunlight glints off the dark, lone gleaming of a Tatooine sandcrawler. Once used by vaporator-ing colonists (their abandoned to the wastes, the mobile power transports are now piloted by clans of itinerant scavenging Jawas, who run the chief (or abandoned or destroyed) droids.



4 The two droids wind up as prisoners in of the massive Jawing Lars family under cover of darkness. Sentenced, 3PO-1X escapes the compound nothing and via Obi-Wan Kenobi. The next morning, Luke goes out with C-3PO—only to be waylaid by a band of vicious Tusken Raiders.